

Boyer Valley PTO Helps Students Start School Year Ready

As Boyer Valley elementary students settled into their classrooms for the 2026-27 school year, the Boyer Valley PTO helped dozens of families start the year with one less thing to worry about.

This year, the PTO offered its school supply program for elementary students, preparing supply bags for 48 children. Families placed their orders ahead of the school year, and the supplies were delivered directly to students' classrooms in time for Open House.

PTO member Kim Mueller said the program is designed to make the busy back-to-school season a little easier for families.

"We took this project on to take the weight off parents' shoulders when having to go back-to-school shopping," Mueller said. "We understand how busy everyone is, and by signing up for a supply bag, it was just one less thing for them to have to worry about."

Having the supplies waiting at school also meant parents didn't have to track down every item on a school supply list.

"We hope this program gave families peace of mind that their supplies were all purchased and waiting for their child in their classroom at Open House," Mueller said. "They did not have to stress about if they got all their supplies and could focus more on getting their child prepared for school in other ways."

The PTO also welcomed approximately 20 students who are new to the Boyer Valley Community School District with special welcome bags.

The welcome bags are separate from the school supply program and are meant to help new students feel like part of the school community from the beginning. The bags include Bulldog apparel, giving students something they can immediately wear to show their school spirit.

Welcome bags are distributed to new families to the Boyer Valley School District throughout the school year. This is a tradition that was started two years ago with the help of donations from Dunlap and Dow City area businesses. The welcome bags include gift certificates to local eateries, notepads, pens, stickers and even special items like GLC beef sticks and a bulldog keychain made by Creative 3D Printing.

"I hope when a child receives a welcome bag, they feel cared about and truly welcomed into our Bulldog family," Mueller said. "I also love the fact they receive a Bulldog shirt so they can represent the school right away!"

Both efforts are part of the PTO's larger mission of supporting Boyer Valley students, families and staff throughout the school year. The organization funds projects and activities, organizes fundraisers and looks for ways to enhance students' experiences at school.

As another school year gets underway, the PTO is encouraging more parents and community members to get involved.

"We are always looking for new people to join — more people to offer ideas and suggestions," Mueller said. "Many hands make for light work!"

Community members can watch for additional PTO projects, fundraisers and opportunities to support Boyer Valley students throughout the 2026-27 school year.